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## Goppert Issues \$100,000 Challenge



Clarence Goppert

**C**larence Goppert, Missouri businessman and long-time Avila College supporter, has challenged Avila's alumni and friends with a \$100,000 grant to the college's Annual Fund. To complete the challenge, \$300,000 in undesignated money must be contributed to the Annual Fund by alumni and friends by June 30, 1988.

Mr. Goppert said that though he had never attended Avila, "I believe so deeply in its mission of quality education that I welcome the opportunity to invest in its future."

Clarence and Vita Goppert have made several major gifts to the college including funds to support the construction of Goppert Theatre and the purchase of an administrative computer system. Vita Goppert is a former Avila trustee.

"This challenge is especially important to the college at this time," said Dr. Larry Kramer, Avila president. "Although we are not involved in a campaign this year, the financial needs of the institution are steadily increasing. Successful completion of Mr. Goppert's challenge will allow us to maintain our quality educational programs and develop an increased donor base for the future. We are very grateful for Mr. Goppert's generosity now and in the past."

In response to the challenge, students, staff and alumni volunteers are conducting a direct mail and phonathon campaign under the direction of the advancement office.

## Advancement Update

- The President's Scholarship Club is gearing up for a January phonathon to increase membership contributions. Competing teams will ensure a lively campaign!
- Recent gifts and grants have been received from J.C. Penney Company (\$2,000), The Kansas City Star Company (\$1,500), Kansas City Southern (\$5,000), J.B. Reynolds (\$5,000) and Union Pacific (\$10,000). Notification of a grant of \$15,000 also was received from the Hearst Foundation. These gifts are gratefully acknowledged.
- Persons who can't resist filet mignon and the chance to bid on over 30 super prizes are invited to contact the advancement office about attending this year's American Royal Dinner/Auction on January 22. Guests are promised an evening of fun — all for the benefit of Avila's students.

## Dan Larson to Head New Humanities Dept.



Daniel Larson

**T**he new academic year welcomed the creation of a new Department of Humanities for Avila College. This department combined the former Departments of Performing and Visual Arts, Modern Languages and Philosophy and Religious Studies.

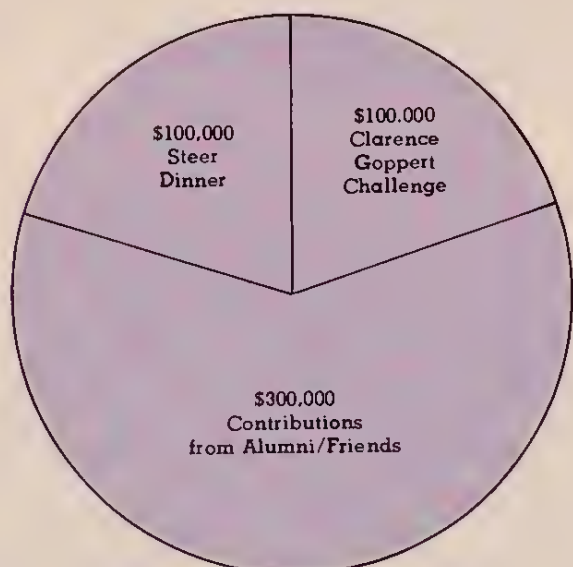
According to Daniel Paul Larson, newly appointed department chairperson, "The richness and cultural depth offered through this new department will provide Avila with the knowledge and accomplishments of past masters and with experiences essential for growth today."

The humanities department and the recently approved core curriculum which increased humanities requirements reflect a renewed emphasis in the humanities. This places Avila in a leadership position, answering the call to reform higher education with a new emphasis.

Larson, a native of New York, received his bachelors and masters degrees at the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester. Currently, he is finishing his doctoral dissertation at the Conservatory of Music of the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Larson was appointed to the Avila faculty in August 1977 and became coordinator of the music division in the fall 1983.

## 1987-88 Annual Fund Goal - \$500,000 (Undesignated Funds)

Projected Revenue



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## President's Column:

Plans and Models  
Build Avila's Future

Dr. Larry  
Kramer



**P**lanning at Avila is taking on exciting new dimensions. We have recently completed the North Central Self-Study Report and are preparing for the accrediting team's visit in February.

We have also just completed a strategic planning model that will soon be used throughout the college. And, later this year, Avila will conduct a feasibility study among constituents to prepare for our next fund-raising campaign.

The North Central Self-Study confirmed that we have a fine college that is providing important services to our students, but it also showed the college is under-funded. Since our largest fiscal resource is tuition, action needs to be taken to increase enrollment. We must also increase gift and grant income.

Information provided by the North Central report has been funneled into the strategic planning process to come up with a goal in response to the problem of under-funding. The goal: "To insure the quality of Avila's learning environment, we shall strategize means to stabilize and build enrollment."

Each college unit will focus on ways it can achieve the goal. The strategic planning process will continue annually, with each unit setting goals and objectives for the next five years.

Solving the other part of the resource problem means developing increased gift and grant revenue. A feasibility study will be conducted in the first half of 1988 that will ask you, our constituents, what kind of institution you want Avila to be in the future. This research will be added to North Central information and serve as a basis for strategic planning in future years.

Our success in drawing this information together and implementing our strategic plan will depend on all of us who have an interest in Avila. We will need your help. When you have the opportunity, we hope you will participate in college events, volunteer for college boards, help us promote Avila in the community, and let us know your hopes and dreams for Avila's future.

The challenge of planning for action makes this an exciting time to be associated with Avila.



Pictured clockwise are American Royal Steer Dinner Challengers: Jack and Edna Bear, Ken and Claudia Bergeron, Kathleen Borserine, Catherin Merrill, and Mary Beth and John Meyers. (See story below).



## Challenge Grant Sets Stage for American Royal Steer Dinner

**T**he Twelfth Annual American Royal Steer Dinner, scheduled for Friday, January 22, has been given a solid financial boost. Five donors have pledged \$10,000 each toward a \$50,000 challenge to bidders and guests. Total proceeds from the dinner and auction will be used to match the \$50,000 challenge.

The 1988 Steer Dinner challengers are Jack and Edna Bear, Ken and Claudia Bergeron, Kathleen Borserine, Catherin Merrill and John and Mary Beth Meyers.

"We are eagerly anticipating this year's Steer Dinner," said Pat Martin, director of development. "It is always an exciting evening and the \$50,000 challenge virtually guarantees that this will be our most profitable dinner/auction to date."

Martin added: "We are deeply grateful to the Steer Dinner Challenge group. They have demonstrated a real support and concern for Avila's students."

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Avila's Steer Dinners were launched in 1977 when a syndicate of benefactors composed of Henry Bloch, Robert Boyle, John Latshaw, George Powell, Jr., and Gordon Wells purchased "Jimmie C", the American Royal Grand Champion Steer for the first dinner auction.

Two internationally known auctioneers — George Morse, initially, and Stanley Stout, in recent years — have contributed their services to ensure the success of the auction over these eleven years.

As in previous years, the event will feature a lively auction of award-winning American Royal steaks and other selected prizes.

## DiCarlos to Chair Annual Steer Dinner

Vince and Marilee DiCarlo have been named honorary co-chairs of the 1988 American Royal Steer Dinner to be held on Avila's campus Friday, January 22. The DiCarlos, who are in the construction business in Kansas City, were invited to serve in this capacity in recognition of their past association with, and generous support of, the annual event.

Vince DiCarlo, who has been an active member of the Steer Dinner planning committee for several years, said: "The Steer Dinner has become a tradition for both Avila and the community. It is a class event that Marilee and I are proud to be a part of."

DiCarlo added: "Anyone interested in supporting Avila's students and having a fun evening at the same time should contact the advancement office for tickets."



Vince and Marilee  
DiCarlo

## Planning for Avila

As one who believes in the mission of Avila College, you can help ensure the future education of students by making a planned gift. For information please call (816) 942-8400, extension 327. Or, if you prefer, complete and return the form below to: Director of Planned Giving, Avila College, 11901 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64145.

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## Patriots Clash in Constitutional Debate



Chris Kuehl as Patrick Henry

Patrick Henry and Alexander Hamilton debated the U.S. Constitution at Avila. Or so it seemed. Actually, Avila faculty members Steve Mosher and Chris Kuehl played Henry and Hamilton, respectively, during a debate sponsored by the public administration and political science programs to celebrate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

Asked if he favored the adoption of the new constitution, "Hamilton" said that "It would create a united country instead of a squabbling collection of states as experienced under the Articles of Confederation."

"Henry", in opposition, said: "I smell a rat." He contended the new constitution provided too much power for the central government in areas such as taxation and military matters. It also omitted a bill of rights.

The gentlemen were also questioned on the terms of office for the President and the Senate. Hamilton favored lifetime positions but Henry feared this would re-establish a monarchy. He favored a short term of office similar to that of elected officials on the state level.

Hamilton said he opposed slavery and asked the convention to abolish it. Henry, a Virginian, said slavery was an economic necessity and that he was satisfied the constitution did not address it.

Questioned about the role of women in the new government, both gentlemen reflected their eighteenth century prejudices. They said the place for women was in the home, "definitely not in government".

## Seeks Brass Doorplate

### Donovan Becomes Avila Ombudsman

Dr. Ed Donovan, associate professor of biology, has been appointed to the new position of Avila ombudsman for the appeal of academic matters. The ombudsman organizes and provides impartial hearings for grade appeals.

Asked about his new role on campus, Donovan replied with tongue in cheek: "First of all, a name change is in order. Let's change that clumpy title to the 'Office of the O.M.B.'" He added that such a distinguished title should be accompanied with a "big new office and a brass doorplate."

An ex-marine, Donovan also felt the need for a flag and a suitable emblem, "something like a big silver eagle on a blue background. After all, the IRS has an eagle."

Donovan acknowledged that his scientific background tells him chances are slim that the college budget includes these amenities. Consequently, he plans to remain in Room 210 - O'Rielly Hall without flag, brass doorplate or emblem and "hopes to be of service to students and faculty alike."



Dr. Ed Donovan (on the left)

## Avalanche Soccer Team Wins National Berth



Scott Anderson, Avila forward, lends off Rockhurst defender in 1-0 soccer victory over traditional rival Rockhurst on September 27. Coach Scott Royaf-Ferris' team finished an outstanding regular season with a 16-4-2 record and capped district play with a second win over Rockhurst, this time a 2-0 victory in the district final. Entering the national NAIA tournament, the Avalanche record was 18-4-2.

## Reflections



Bill Lovell

Bill Lovell, Avila's business manager for the last seven years, is retiring. Mr. Lovell shares his thoughts and memories about Avila in this edition's Reflection column.

Being part of the Avila community has given me a sense of satisfaction. It made me become involved in the process of educating students — something I missed while working in private industry.

It has been special to work with the dedicated people at Avila. The Sisters of St. Joseph set high standards when they started Avila and I have found faculty and staff committed to maintaining these standards.

The most significant change I have seen at Avila was the selection of the first lay president for the college. Dr. Larry Kramer had the awesome responsibility of succeeding Sister Olive Louise in this position. I consider it a privilege to have worked with two such capable chief executive officers.

The most difficult time for me at Avila was the installation of the first computer in 1982. This required many long and frustrating hours of evening and weekend work but resulted in a better system for information storage.

My fondest memories are the good relationships I experienced with a loyal staff of employees who have worked for me. I will miss the sense of fellowship with the members of the Avila community. We have shared joys and sorrows which are a part of life and provide many rich, warm memories.

Avila's philosophy and mission make it a unique institution. Its Christian environment, emphasizing the value and worth of each individual, is a quality I shall cherish as I think of Avila in years to come.

## Avila Basketball: A Rookie and a Vet

A veteran and a newcomer will handle coaching duties for the Avila Avalanche basketball teams this year. Dennis Joyce begins his sixth year as head coach of the men's program while Buddy Soloff will coach the women's team in his initial season.

The men's team features top returning seniors Ken Dudzik, Edmond, Okla.; Chris Houston, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Mike McCollow, Minneapolis, Minn. Wes Gibson of Kansas City O'Hara High School is the top returning underclassman. The team roster also includes the following players: Darren Bennett, Craig Bergeron, Darren Noah, Kevin Dudzik, Jason Barr, Steve Neidenbach, Ron Brown and Jeff Stapleton.

Coach Joyce, who has led Avila to the District 16 playoff three of the past five years, said: "Quickness is the most improved aspect of our game. We will continue to run the fast break and play tough man-to-man defense. Our major concern will be our ability to rebound with bigger teams."

Joyce said Avila has a strong schedule, including traditional rivals Rockhurst, William Jewell and Central Missouri State University.

Coach Soloff has successfully coached AAU basketball for twenty years. The women's team is coming off a season in which they set a single season win record (21-8). Returning starters include junior Diane McLaury of Kansas City O'Hara High School; junior Jennifer Yarshen, Naperville, Ill.; sophomore Adrian Pendelton, Junction City; and sophomore Karen Kinney, Independence. Also playing: Debbie Amos, Jennifer Lee, Micki Shaw, Tina Caldwell, Angelia Smith, Jackie Goodman, Sharon O'Reilly and Susan Putz.

Early season predictions of top opponents for the women's team include Rockhurst, Missouri Western, and School of the Ozarks.



## An Avila Education is a Valuable Investment

It still pays to get a college education. A recent Census Bureau report, "What's It Worth? Educational Background and Economic Status: Spring 1984," notes that only 21% of Americans have a college degree, but they are the ones with the highest income. In fact, there is a \$1,235 per month difference between the average monthly earning power of a college graduate (\$2,288) and that of a high school graduate (\$1,045). "In this time of rising college costs, the greatest challenge is in retaining the value and quality of education, and then making that value affordable," said James Millard, Avila's director of admissions.

Millard said Avila remains an outstanding educational buy. "The College Board says the average 1987-88 yearly tuition at a 4-year private college is \$7,110. Avila's current tuition is \$5,100."

Cindy Butler, Avila's director of financial aid, encourages families to explore all possible ways to offset tuition costs. "Many freshmen, transfer and returning students are eligible for some form of aid. Academic scholarships; federal, state and institutional grants; work-study jobs and the college's guaranteed tuition plan are some of the different avenues available to help finance a college education." Butler added that "when these opportunities are explored, final college costs are often much less than families expect."

Both Millard and Butler believe that an Avila education remains within reach of any qualified student who desires it. Millard said, "As a Catholic, private institution, Avila has always taken great pride in providing an excellent, value-centered education. We are continuing to try to make that value affordable."

## Classrooms Fill Up For Weekend Study

Do you want to learn about jazz, photography, computers, classic films or real estate, but just can't find the time during the busy work week?

Avila's Weekend College has the answer to this dilemma. Each weekend, hundreds of students attend classes in a variety of subjects ranging from Legal Rights of Women to Effective Business Speaking. Some students work toward a degree while others use Weekend College courses to enrich their lives.

David Wissman, director of Weekend College, said:

"There is increasing interest in the weekend college concept nationwide with about 100 such programs in operation. Avila has been a leader in this region in providing this type of educational opportunity."

The convenience of Weekend College seems to be a factor in increasing enrollment. "Students remark that this is the only way they could continue their education and hold down a full-time job," noted Wissman. "We feel the demand for this unique educational service will only increase in the future."

## Nursing Students Use Latest Equipment



Student nurses at work

Avila's Department of Nursing has renovated its Nursing Learning Resources Center. Improvements were funded by a grant from the Helene Fuld Health Trust, a New York-based foundation.

The resources center has been transformed into a simulator with four main areas. A fully functional nurses' station comes complete with a sink, computer order system, telephones and a call system. Patient rooms provide quick-connect oxygen, air and vacuum outlets, adjustable bed lighting, wall-mounted blood pressure meters, heat lamps, bedside telephones, and a nurse call system.

Other simulator areas include a medication cart and a corridor complete with handrail, public address system,

prerecorded hospital background sounds, and the usual corridor clutter.

Questions designed to stimulate student thinking and response have been scripted and videotaped for each area. The simulator can provide an atmosphere ranging from near-serenity to full-scale crisis.

Audiovisual equipment is available for student use in the new lab design in various formats. Skills such as nurse-patient communication, dealing with death and grief, and other nursing care activities are reinforced by audiovisual materials.

Guests are welcome to visit the Nursing Learning Resources Center. They will see one of the finest facilities of its kind in the Kansas City area.

## Students Help Out in Kansas City and Mexico

Avila students have volunteered to lend a hand with two different philanthropy projects this fall — one in the Kansas City area and one in Mexico.

For the second consecutive year, students, faculty and staff volunteered to renovate homes of the elderly, disabled and needy as part of the Kansas City "Christmas in October" neighborhood project. The Avila team joined over 3,000 volunteers in renovating more than 250 homes.

Beth Maren, coordinator of Avila's volunteers for the project, recalled one homeowner, with tears in her eyes,

saying "Now I really know there must be a Santa Claus."

In a second outreach activity, 10 to 15 Avila students will return to Cuauhtemoc, Mexico, during Christmas break to live with needy families. For many of the students, this will be their second straight Christmas with these families. While there, they will install plumbing systems, weather-proof houses and provide information on health and nutrition. The trip will be supported by funds donated by Avila Faculty and staff.

## Instructor's Photographs Are Patrons' Rewards



Photograph: The Kansas Farmer 1986 from the "Rural Crisis in America Series."

by Diane Covert

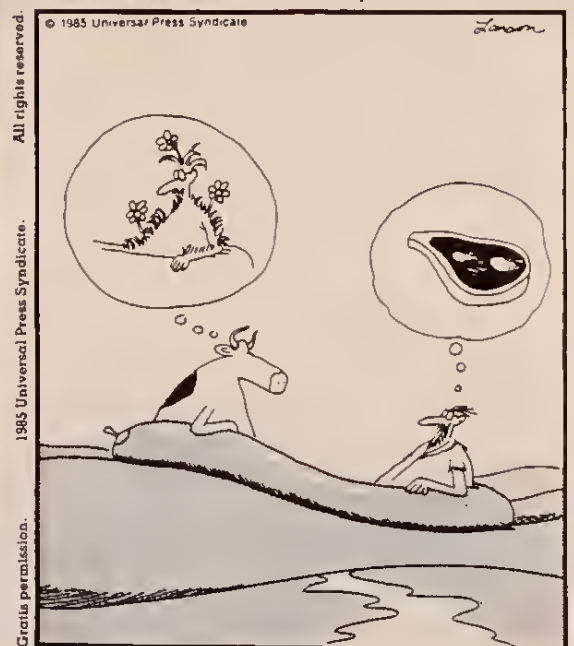
Diane Covert, Avila photography instructor since 1983, has been selected by the Missouri Arts Council to have her work incorporated into the 1988 Missouri Arts Award. This prestigious award is presented annually to six influential patrons of the arts in Missouri.

This year marked the first time that photographers were invited to participate in the design competition. Covert's work was selected from among her peers across the state.

Covert received a Master of Applied Arts/National Education Association photography fellowship in 1983. The Missouri Arts Council and the Society for Contemporary Photography presented her with a Creative Artist Award in 1986.

## THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"... just thinking ahead to Avila's 1988 Steer Dinner"

## Join Avila's Admissions Effort

As a friend of Avila, you can support the admissions effort by referring students and families to the admissions office. Please call (816) 942-8400, extension 203, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. with the names of students you would like Avila to contact. Or, if you prefer, fill out the coupon below and return it to: Director of Admissions, Avila College, 11901 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64145-9990.

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# CLASS NOTES

## CLASS '35

**Jo Ann Page** has retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

## CLASS '45

**Rosalie Hammer Hummel** is head librarian at the Red Bridge branch, Mid-Continent Public Library System.

## CLASS '46

**Kathleen Froeschl Baska** is an adjudicator for employment security, State of Illinois.

## CLASS '47

**Marybeth Malsie Swartz** was named co-winner of Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics 1987 Outstanding Teacher Award and was honored at the December meeting in Columbia. Marybeth was MCTM president 1974-75 and is now the secondary mathematics resource teacher for the Kansas City School District. She has taught all levels of mathematics up to college algebra and was chairman of the math departments at Bingham and Southeast Junior High Schools.

## CLASS '49

**Pat Walsh Ferris** is secretary to three attorneys at Media Professionals Insurance Services, Kansas City.

## CLASS '50

**Elizabeth Anne Cooney** teaches first grade at Bayless School, St. Louis.

## CLASS '52

**Peggy Atha Horrigan** is the expositions administrator at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. **Dorothy Brandt Marra** is publications director for Cleveland Chiropractic College, Kansas City.

## CLASS '55

**Patricia Renicker Gladbach** is a staff nurse at Mercy Hospital, Fort Scott, Kansas. **Beverly Humphrey Amor** is a certified diabetes educator. **Pat Gyulay Sullivan** is a programmer analyst for the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

## CLASS '56

**Rosemary Mense Goerke** is a senior manuscript editor for two medical journals in St. Louis. **Nancy Lambert Gianino** is director of the American Red Cross Transplantation Services, St. Louis.

## CLASS '57

**Juliet Randall** is associated with the Missouri Repertory Theatre and recently performed as Clytemnestra in *Agamemnon*. **Sally Green Sulzer** is an account technician for the Department of Agriculture.

## CLASS '58

**Anna Bailey Coles** was awarded emeritus membership in AACN during the meeting at the Washington Marriott October 18-21. **Connie Banken Marko** is assistant administrator at Timberlake Nursing Home, Kansas City. **Margaret Yonke Murphy** teaches for the Shawnee Mission School District.

## CLASS '59

**Cormella Shortino Giangreco**, a teacher of gifted students in the Center School District, Kansas City, is doing graduate study toward a Specialist Degree in Elementary Education Administration at U.M.K.C.

## CLASS '60

**Joan Zeipelt Bednar** is a clerk in the U.S. Postal Service, Shawnee Mission branch. **Patricia Turpin Robinson** works in real estate in Pacifica, California. **Frances Spruill Schilling** is a teacher in the Shawnee Mission School District.

## CLASS '61

**Anne Wilkins Billings** is director of St. John's Center, Kansas City. **Patricia Lee** teaches fifth grade at Nathaniel Hawthorne School, University City, Missouri. **Anna Jane Wright Lucas** teaches English at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School. **Carolyn Courter Rittenhouse** teaches gifted and talented students at Greenwood School, Kansas City School District.

## CLASS '62

**Mary Jo Downey** is director of medical records at Children's Medical Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma. **Anne Breslin Hess** was awarded a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction with a minor in nursing by the University of Kansas in the spring. **Donna Longsine** is an automation services representative at TWA. **Mary Johanna Bax Metz** is teacher of the gifted for the Grandview School District. **Barbara Overman** is in home care at St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City. **Kathleen Rouen** teaches students with learning disabilities at Smith-Hale Junior High School, Hickman Mills School District. **Mary K. Wahlstedt Murphy** is director of industrial hygiene activities for Hall-Kimbrell Environmental Services, Lawrence, Kansas. **Sister Anna Marie Zacher** is assistant administrator of the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor in St. Louis.

## CLASS '63

**Ruby Freeman Bruce** is a school nurse for the Kansas City (Kansas) School District. **Mary Riffle Gilliland** is working for Com-Link 21. **Kay Prebich Petkovich** is director of medical records at a hospital in Toronto, Canada.

## CLASS '64

**Roseanne Shirley Burns** is an instructional assistant for the Kansas City (Missouri) School District. **Roseann Gargotta** teaches history at Park Hill High School, North Kansas City. **Marva Jamerson** is a private investigator for Acumen Investigative, Inc., Haddonville, New Jersey. **Patricia Ann Glenn Jensen** is a partner in the law firm of Popham, Haik, Schnobrich, Kaufman and Doty, Ltd. More than 4,500 people toured the restored ten-room Victorian home of **Linda Moser Underwood** and husband Gary on the Lafayette Square House Tour, St. Louis, Missouri, featured in *Midwest Living*. Linda's correspondence with a Carolina Wren Press editor was the topic of a Judson Jerome article in *Writer's Digest*. **Gloria McDonald Wiss** is a claims representative for Allstate Insurance.

## CLASS '65

**Barbara Merli Giordano** is manager of human resources for information support services division, Electronic Data Systems Corporation, Detroit. **Donna Lochert Schibi** is an internal auditor for a mortgage bank in Dallas.

## CLASS '66

**Rosemary Barnard** is a training technician at the Shawnee Mission Main Post Office. **Janet Myers DePriest** teaches fourth grade at the Hale Cook School, Kansas City. **Mary Ann Kilanoski** teaches learning disabilities at Pioneer Trail Junior High School, Olathe, Kansas. **Fran Zipf Lancaster** teaches fourth grade at Comanche School, Shawnee Mission. **Jo Ann Brugaletta Saunders** teaches remedial reading at Visitation School, Kansas City. **Martha Leahy Staker** was on NBC's *Today* show, February 12, sponsored by the Kennedy Foundation. **Kris Zacher Zondca** teaches third grade at St. Elizabeth School, Kansas City.

## CLASS '67

**Mary Dunn Dana** and husband William are owners of four Montessori pre-school and child centers: two in Overland Park, one in Gladstone, and one in Sunrise Beach. **Roberta Lancaster** was awarded a Master's degree in social work by the University of Missouri, Columbia.

## CLASS '68

**Peggy Clossick Hurley** teaches reading at Hickman High School in Columbia. **Karen Steinmetz Goellner** and husband Ron recently spent three weeks in Kenya, Africa, as a part of Ron's work. **Louise Iennaccaro** is executive director of the Center for Management Assistance, Kansas City. **Mary Robinson Leonard** is a supervisor designer at Hallmark Cards.

## CLASS '70

**Susan Hare** teaches ninth and eleventh grade English at Southeast Senior High School, Kansas City. **Melanie Williams Ligon** is a social worker for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. **Kathy McCorthy** teaches business at St. Teresa Academy, Kansas City.

## CLASS '71

**Barbara Walsh Bouchey** is a division manager for Southwestern Bell Corporation, St. Louis.

## CLASS '72

A ceremony was held on September 13 at the Spirit of Freedom Fountain on Brush Creek Boulevard, Kansas City, in memory of **Marion I. Foote**, president of the Bruce Watkins Foundation. "Teddy" **Failoni Garagiola** is a staff nurse on a medical floor at Incarnate Word Hospital, St. Louis. **Corolyn R. Koppes** is assistant vice president of human resources for American Banks, Kansas City.

## CLASS '73

**Loretta Johnson Chambers** is consultant and part owner in a business in Glendale, California. **Dr. Kathleen Alford Palmer** is principal of City Lights School for seriously handicapped youth in Washington, D.C. **Marsha McMillan Plumly** teaches third grade at Washington School, Olathe, Kansas. **Nancy O. Vaughan**, vice president of Larken Industries in Lenexa, Kansas, recently completed her M.S.N. at U.M.K.C. with emphasis on patient and professional education.

## CLASS '74

**Ronald William Brown** works at Bendix, Kansas City. **Kathy Blickhan Dwyer** works part time for the Citadel Group, an asset management group in Atlanta. **John Carver** was awarded a Ph.D. in school administration by Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola, Florida. **Ruthann Willerdig Dueker** is teaching learning disabilities, fifth and sixth grades, at Sts. John and James School, Ferguson, Missouri. **Mary Lynne Harris** teaches first grade at St. Ambrose School, St. Louis, Missouri. **Wayland House** operates the Gallery Wayland House in Washington, D.C. **Kay Nolep Lehr** is chemistry supervisor at Lakeside Hospital, Kansas City. **Cheryl Albin Messenger** is a program analyst at Farmland Industries. **Barbara Yates Ridley** has the home living classroom at Shepherd State School for the Handicapped, Kansas City. **Dr. Mary Cronin** and her husband, **Martin Stuart**, were on the committee that prepared for the Pope's visit to New Orleans. **Don Tabberer** is in Human Resources Development, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

## CLASS '75

**Rachelle Baty** is librarian at McCoy School, Kansas City. **Ann Johnson Coleman**, who was principal of Shepherd School for the Severely Handicapped during the past summer, works in the deaf-blind program for the Kansas City School District during the school year. **Mary Mosley Davis** teaches special education and is head of the

department at Korte School, Kansas City. **Delbert Gibson** is branch manager for Allied Security, Inc., Kansas City. **Donishia Meade Hughley** teaches school in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. **Mary Alice Eschbacher Justice** now resides in St. Louis, where husband Jay is vice president for personnel, Boatmen's Bank. **Jeanette Ginsburg Lloyd** teaches first grade in Price, Utah. **Nanette Mosley Mabrie** is employed by IBM Corporation. **Molly Collier Nickle** teaches students, eight to ten years of age, at the Shepherd School, Kansas City. **Roberta Day Pratt**, who holds a Master's degree in public health from the University of Hawaii, works at Veterans Administration Hospital, Kansas City.

## CLASS '76

**Tara Colleen Byrne** teaches in Denver. **Denise Coldarello Davis** is a sales representative for Office Mart, Moberly, Missouri. **Rita Weir Campbell** teaches in a learning disabilities resource room in Henderson School, St. Louis. **Martha Reese Carver** is a staff nurse in the intensive care nursery at St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City. **George Cobb** is a program manager at Midwest Research Institute, Kansas City. **Nancy Doran Cobb** is a private scrub nurse for a plastic surgeon in Kansas City. **Patricia Crooks Clarke** teaches Montessori in Houston. **Ernest Echols** is a customer service supervisor for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City. **Marceline Ellington**, an instructional assistant at Manchester School, Kansas City, was awarded an Educational Specialist Graduate Degree in Administration from U.M.K.C. **Steve Farris** is in real estate development in the Kansas City area. **James E. Fenton, III**, is freight operations planner for Consolidated Freightways, Kansas City. **Rebecca Spurlock Finnegan** teaches second grade at St. Margaret of Scotland School, St. Louis, Missouri. **Herb Force** is general foreman on the Santa Fe Railroad, Kansas City, Kansas. **Judith Fudenberg** teaches sixth grade at Benninghoven School in the Shawnee Mission School District. **Nina Furst** is stage manager at the Heartland Theatre, Crown Center, Kansas City. **Bill Gann** is a sales representative for Lawson Screen Products in Kansas City, Missouri and Iowa. **Marietta Garhart** is a staff nurse on a cardiac-pulmonary intermediate intensive care unit at Baptist Medical Center, Kansas City. **Katherine Ahrens Goeddel** is director of patient supplies at The University Hospital, St. Louis University Medical Center. **Anne Goldkamp** teaches chemistry, physics, and physical science and is business manager at the Kansas City Academy of Learning. **Deborah Guthrie** is a supervisor of the laboratory at Baptist Medical Center, Kansas City. **Vivion McVay Hansen** is an architect with Hansen and Associates, Kansas City. **Tracy Henrichson** teaches learning disabilities, grades four through six, at Holmes School, Mesa (Arizona) School District. Tracy has recently been awarded community college certification in psychology, counseling, and special education. **Jo Ann Colombo Higgins**, who holds a Master's degree in special education, teaches at Platte City, Missouri. **Anna Marie Hoover** teaches first grade at Santa Fe School, Hickman Mills (Missouri) School District. **Rose Marie Immegart Hudson** is supervisor of the operating room at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Hannibal, Missouri. **Robert Kass** is a business analyst for Volume Shoe Corporation, Topeka. **David Kerr** is in strategic planning for A.T.&T., St. Louis. **Carl H. Koch** is consultant for two companies in the warehousing line. **Robert Lacy** is in construction management for Garney Companies, Inc. **Julie McClain** is a staff nurse in pediatrics at St. Joseph Health Care Center, Kansas City. **Martha Strub McEvoy** works in the post-anesthesia recovery room at St. John's Mercy Hospital, St. Louis. **Mark Megee** is product manager for United Telephone System, Overland Park. **William James Mills** is a sales representative for French, Nelson and Russell, Kansas City. **Richard Morley** is relocation administrator for the City of Kansas City, Missouri. **Monte Owens** is an insurance agent with Allstate Insurance Company, Kansas City. **Denis Plumly** is a traffic officer for the City of Overland Park, Kansas. **Laverne Robinson** is a medical technologist at the Independence Regional Health Center, Independence, Missouri. **Vicki Vandiver Roe** is a charge nurse in the emergency room at Research Belton Hospital, Belton, Missouri. **Linda Schleter Stevens** is a staff nurse at Staff Builders, Overland Park, Kansas. **Mary Ann Teixeira** is director of marketing for Live Oak Hospital, Victoria, Texas. **Barbara Whitaker** teaches business at Belton (Missouri) High School.

## CLASS '77

**Lucy Knapp Clifton** is a staff nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital, Wichita, Kansas. **Nancy Contu** owns and operates Costumes by Cantu, Olathe, Kansas. **Elizabeth Blum Davidow** is manager at Benchmark. **Paula DeKeersgieter** is principal at St. Joan of Arc school, St. Louis. **Mary Newman Dowd** is teaching Montessori at L'Ecole, Kansas City. **Joann Feehan** works for Family and Children's Services in their international adoption unit, traveling to Korea each year to escort children to this country. **Ronald Michael Feldman** is head of a camera and film department in Van Nuys, California. **Sally Ellis Fletcher** teaches maternal care and pediatrics at Kansas City (Kansas) Community College. **Judy Heitz** is the cardiac rehab coordinator at Humana Hospital, Overland Park, and is studying toward her Master's degree in medical-surgical nursing at K.U. **Melinda White-Hull** is a staff nurse in labor and delivery, St. Joseph Health Care Center, Kansas City. **Bonnie Carter Kane** teaches adolescent autistic persons at Sherwood Center, Kansas City. **Marilyn Kennedy** practices law in Platte Woods, Missouri. **Mary Anne Ruether Knotts** is a staff nurse with the Visiting Nurses Association, Kansas City. **Mary Theresa Tesdall Lutz**, awarded a Master's degree in



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medical-surgical nursing by K.U., works in the department of case management at Prime Health, Kansas City. **Judith Sedlak Megee** is a staff nurse in surgical intensive care at St. Mary's Hospital, Kansas City. **Larry Morris** is studying toward his MBA in management information systems at Avila. **Elizabeth Plein Noonan** is a staff nurse in I.C.U., St. Joseph Health Care Center, Kansas City. **Terese Dresch Oates** is supervisor of the software department for ROLM Corporation, St. Louis. **Pam Ewan Palmer** is after-hours nurse coordinator at Prime Health, Kansas City. **Renee Marleae Feldman Puterbaugh** is a staff nurse on a medical-surgical floor at Mount Vernon Hospital in Virginia. **Delmira Quarles** works for the Department of Agriculture, Kansas City. **Orville Sayder** is vice president of management information, Unitog Company, Kansas City. **Robert Spence** is chief financial officer for Faultless Laundry Company, Kansas City. **Roy Speaker** is customer service representative for General Electric Major Appliance. **Mary Tatum** is head nurse on the child and adolescent unit at Western Missouri Mental Health Center, Kansas City. **Naacy Huff Walrafen** is in charge of the oncology out-patient clinic at Trinity Lutheran Hospital, Kansas City.

CLASS '78

**Donna Kraenzle Beeson** is manager at Equity Real Estate. **Barbara Berry** is assistant director of nursing in the surgery and psychiatry division at K.U. Medical Center. **Kathleen Breitenstein** is in medical technology at St. Joseph Health Care Center, Kansas City. **Susan Carroll Halterman** is a pediatric clinical nurse specialist for Visiting Nurses Association. **David Hodes** is producer and director of industrial video productions for IBT Video Productions, Kansas City. **Deborah Diaz Hodes** is a staff instructor for Mead Data Central in Kansas City. **Deborah** was awarded a law degree by the University of Missouri at Columbia. **Jan Groene Homan** is a home care nurse at Incarnate Word Hospital, St. Louis. **Terry House** is in the personnel division at U.S. Department of Commerce, Kansas City. **Brenda Kern** is in medical school at the University of Health Sciences, School of Osteopathic Medicine, Kansas City. **Karen Kloster** is studying toward a Master's degree in public administration at the University of Missouri at Columbia. **Valerie Smith Martin** owns and operates the largest bridal and ladies formal wear rental in the Midwest. **Carol-Rea Sciortiao Morris**, who holds certification in speech and theatre, is taking further courses at Avila toward certification in secondary English. **Janet Bitterman Pelley** is the nurse recruiter at V.A. Hospital, Columbia, Missouri, and is studying toward her Master's degree in nursing: community health at the University of Missouri (Columbia). **Ivva Weisel** was awarded a Ph.D. in economics by the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and teaches for Avila's business department.

CLASS '79

**Sabrina Roberson Boads** teaches the very young at Shepherd School, Kansas City. **Karea Schaefer Camarata** is a nurse in I.C.U. at the University of Minnesota. **Mary A. Christgea** is vice president of Westport Bank, Kansas City. **Rosalind Grillin French** is a medical technologist at The University Hospital, St. Louis University Medical Center. **Caryl Goodyear** is in the critical care clinical nurse specialist program at California State University, Long Beach. **Kathleen Headerson** was awarded a Master's Degree in medical-surgical nursing by the University of Kansas. **Martha L. Murrell** is nursing staff instructor for the operating room at Truman Medical Center West. **Greg Poelker** is an art director at David Gutting and Associates, St. Louis. **Jaa Geissler Poelker** is personnel coordinator at Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis. **Clyde Wilbur Townshead** is employed by the Missouri Highway Patrol, Sedalia, Missouri. **Mary Williams Varner** teaches art at Blue Valley School, Stanley, Kansas. **David Vaughn** is a district manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, St. Louis. **Angelee Newton Calley** teaches vocal music for the Kansas City School District.

CLASS '80

**Carlous Abaer** is supervisor of mails for the U.S. Postal Service. **Reed Alberg** works for Blue Valley Engineering Company. **Julie Thomas Anello** is studying toward her Master's in social work at K.U. **Cheryl Collins** is a community outreach specialist for Family and Children Services of Kansas City, Inc. **Cheryl** was a guest artist for the Martin King celebration at the Folly Theatre in January, had the lead role in the play *Stages* at Waldo Astoria, and was guest artist at the sixth anniversary of *Gentlemen of Distinction* at Crown Center. Chosen as an "Outstanding Young Woman of America" in 1986, she often plays "Sunshine the Clown" for charitable institutions and in civic events assisted by her six-year-old son **Stephan**. **Ron Jensen** is a tax examiner for the IRS, Kansas City Service Center. **Cheryl Fitch Sutlick** was summer stage manager in a college theatre in Walla Walla, Washington. **Theresa Thompson Swift** holds a Master's degree from U.C.L.A. and works for the Army at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

CLASS '81

**Cathy Allen** is general manager of the packaging division at Marketing Management, Inc. **Mike Baechle** is staff vice president at Citicorp, Inc., St. Louis. **Cyathia Ridings Bailey** is the intensive care supervisor at Good Samaritan Hospital, Phoenix. **Geri Gebkea** is based in Coral Springs, Florida, for a company setting up retirement centers. **Leah Deaise Hagedorn** is senior account executive for national accounts for Hartford Insurance Company, World Trade Building, New York City.

CLASS '82

**Joan Carroll** teaches upper division English at St. Bernadette's School, Kansas City, and English part time at Avila College. **Breda Steele Chael** is assistant director of medical records at Research Medical Center, Kansas City. **Lynn Gosejacobs** is a staff nurse in child psychiatry at Children's Hospital, St. Louis. **Veroaica Pacheco Irubor** is a medical technologist in the microbiology department at Truman Medical Center East, Kansas City. **Mark Johnson** is a reporter/photographer for Antioch Publications, North Kansas City. **Alpha Freeman Shelton** is manager of medical record services at St. Joseph's Medical Center, Phoenix, Arizona. **Theresa Doyle Witt** is a staff nurse in neuro-trauma I.C.U. at St. John's Regional Health Center, Springfield, Missouri. **Mary Zahner** is a staff nurse on a surgical floor at St. Joseph Health Center, Kansas City.

CLASS '83

**Michael Bracken** is working for IRS. **Robert Alan Brock** is a computer programmer at the Greenville Water System in Greenville, South Carolina. **Beth Ann Cini** is a computer author for Data Business Management, Inc., in Virginia. **Evangelina Ruth Gardner** is the director of education at the Light House, Kansas City. **Amy Fitzpatrick McKenny** teaches second grade at Visitation School, Kansas City. **Deborah Perez Mills** is development officer for Richard Cabot Clinic. **Kathleen Cheryl Moorman** is a claims examiner for Yellow Freight. **Doreen Renshaw** is charge nurse at a rehabilitation center in Dallas, Texas.

CLASS '84

**Adewale Mufutau Badejo** is a medical technologist at St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City. **Ibraheem Badejo** is studying toward his doctorate in bio-organic chemistry at the University of Toledo in Ohio. **Tina Castro** is a substitute teacher at the Crippled Children's Nursery School, Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City. **Carol Hieger Huber** is a staff nurse on the medicine floor, St. Mary's Hospital, St. Louis. **Mariella Jennings Huber** is a staff nurse on a cardiology floor at the University of Missouri Hospital at Columbia. **James M. Lemos** is an advanced senior auditor for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Missouri. **Cyathia Lyles** is a staff nurse at Truman Medical Center, Kansas City. **Craig Maxim** graduated from Conception Seminary College, Conception, Missouri, in May. **Shawn Merys** is in medical school at U.M.K.C. **Karen Aubuchon Moorman** is studying toward her Master's degree in urban education at K-State in Manhattan. **Leanne Poppa Neuman** is a staff nurse in the operating room at Bethany Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas. **Christina Crimi Schaeffer** works for the C.P.A. firm of Mueller, Prost, Purk, and Willbrandt, St. Louis. **Pam Smith** is secretary of the K.C. District of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses. **Jean Freise Stroud** is a staff nurse at Children's Hospital, St. Louis. **Jim Wright** had a leading role in Anton Chekhov's "The Bear" at the Martin City (Missouri) Melodrama Vaudeville Company.

CLASS '85

**Katie Marshall Ausdenmoore** is a substitute teacher in Oklahoma. **Dawn Daily Baldwin** teaches learning disabilities, kindergarten through third grade, at Hazelgrove School, Lee's Summit, Missouri. **Deborah Taylor Bruns** works in the accounting department for Amoco Oil Company. **Jeanne Hansen Dobnikar** is activity director at Red Bridge Health Care Center, Kansas City. **Angela Bitterman Drummond** is an auditor for the Internal Revenue Service, Kansas City. **Kevin W. Burnell** received a diploma and credentials on March 5 as a special agent for the Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service, Washington, D.C. **Ronald Essmyer** is a buyer for McDonnell-Douglas, St. Louis. **Teresa Weidmaier Faust** is a staff nurse in gynecology-oncology, Barnes Hospital, St. Louis. **Cathy Hale** teaches first grade at St. Therese's School, Parkville, Missouri. **Kathy Hall** is studying toward her M.B.A. degree at Avila. **Thomas Hempel** is manager of a Ben Franklin Store, St. Louis, Missouri, is bookkeeper for three other stores, and recently received his license as an airplane pilot. **Lori Slyter Huber** is director of activities at Carondelet Manor, Kansas City. **Douglas Alaa Johnson** is a computer programmer for A.T.&T. Communications. **Janet Jordan Gorman** is the Montessori teacher at Wichita Collegiate School, Wichita, Kansas. **Kelly Marzett** works for Household Bank, Overland Park, Kansas. **Edwin L. Rafferty, Jr.**, works for Carl I. Brown, Kansas City. **Bill Said** is a chemist for K.C. Analytical Services, Shawnee, Kansas. **Kelly Yates Said** is a staff nurse in medical I.C.U., Veterans Hospital, Kansas City. **Roberta Seger** is a staff nurse at the V.A. Hospital, Columbia, Missouri. **Shelley Shiflett** is assistant public relations director for Moberly Regional Medical Center, Moberly, Missouri, and editor of their publication, *Regional Pulse*. **Stephanie Aileen Smith** attends law school at Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas. **Scott Turley** is a correction officer for the Jackson County Detention Center, Kansas City. **Susanna Maria Velasquez** works for Walt Disney World in Orlando as the MC/singer for the world dancers at Epcot Center. **Vicki Velasquez** is in medical records at St. Joseph Health Care Center, Kansas City. **Helen Wisecarver Zahner** is director of social services at Carondelet Manor, Kansas City.

CLASS '86

**Second Lt. Mary F. Beckwith** completed the U.S. Air Force military indoctrination for medical service officers at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. **Ann Byrne** is a staff nurse on a neural floor at Research Medical Center, Kansas City. **Teresa Crimi** teaches mathematics at Ervin Junior High School, Hickman Mills School District. **Brigid**

**McVey Espinoza** is a staff nurse in the maternal care unit at Truman Medical Center West, Kansas City. **Paula Grocer** is a case worker for Big Brothers and Sisters of Greater Kansas City. **Julie Gronska** is a staff nurse in oncology I.C.U. at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis. **Greg Guthrie** is a production manager at Marion Laboratories, Kansas City. **Karea Halbhuber Henderson** is a staff nurse in a cardiac care unit, North Kansas City (Missouri) Hospital. **Geri Hoerman** was one of 26 students, chosen from 185 applicants, accepted into K.U.'s School of Social Welfare and was awarded a Master's degree in social work in May '87. **Thomas Marchant** is president of The Researcher's Data Bank, Kansas City. **Susan Cofer Muckenthaler** is a secretary at Marion Laboratories, Kansas City. **Laura Replogle** is a staff nurse in infectious diseases at Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City. **Lisa WasDyke Sanders** is a claims adjuster, State Farm Insurance, Anchorage, Alaska. **Bernadette Stueve** is a staff nurse on the adolescent floor at Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City. **Kathy Taral** is a staff nurse on the infants and toddlers floor at Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City. **Christie Walsh** is studying toward her Master's degree in public administration at U.M.K.C. **Kelly Walsh** is a staff nurse on a cardiac floor, Trinity Lutheran Hospital, Kansas City.

CLASS '87

**Patricia Reardon** has been awarded a teaching assistantship toward study for a Ph.D. in pharmaceutical chemistry at the University of Kansas at Lawrence. **Maribeth Oermann** is a staff nurse on a medical-surgical floor, Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City.

CLASS '89

**John Baldwin**, a junior at Avila, starred in a professional theatrical revue, playing the role of Ronald Reagan in Doonesbury cartoonist, Garry Trudeau's *Rap Master Ronnie* on Stage II of the Midland Center for the Performing Arts, Kansas City.

GRADUATE DIVISION

**Doug Killion** is director of product services in the computer systems division of the Continental Healthcare Systems, Inc., Overland Park.

## WEDDINGS

CLASS '59

**Carmella Shortiao Giangreco**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shortino, to Stephen Clifford Little on March 1 at St. Michael's Church, Kansas City.

CLASS '71

**Nancy Albin**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.I. Albin, to Harry Charles Bauman on August 7 at First Presbyterian Church, North Kansas City. **Anne Christine Kelly**, daughter of Mrs. John L. Kelly and the late Mr. John L. Kelly, to James Anthony Walters on May 29 at St. Joseph Church, Hays, Kansas.

CLASS '74

**Mary Ellen Cronin**, daughter of Mrs. Mary C. Cronin and the late Mr. Cronin, to Martin Stuart on May 16 at Saint Monica Church, Creve Coeur, Missouri.

CLASS '76

**Julie Ann McClain**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. McClain, to Timothy Joseph Flynn in July at Christ the King Church, Kansas City. **Robin Marie Rysavy**, daughter of Mrs. Marie E. Rysavy and the late Mr. Josef F. Rysavy, to John Lorimer Hawkins, son of Mrs. Margaret J. Hawkins and the late Mr. George N. Hawkins, on June 6 at First Baptist Church, Raytown.

CLASS '78

**Mary Jo Prigel**, daughter of Mrs. Yevonne P. Prigel and the late Mr. Dewey W. Prigel, to David Adcock on August 1 at St. Therese Little Flower Church, Kansas City.

CLASS '80

**Theresa Louise Shiflett**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Finis Leon Shiflett, to Dale Stephen Pfaff on October 4 at St. Pius X Church, Moberly, Missouri. **Janice Theresa Zirfas**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Zirfas, to Robert Dean Minor on September 6 at St. Ann's Church, Prairie Village.

CLASS '81

**Susan Katherine Burr**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Burr, to Michael Vincent Baechle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Baechle, on October 26 at St. Genevieve du Bois Church, St. Louis. **Nancy Sue McMannama**, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Summerfield, to Gary Michael Davis, son of Mrs. Betty J. Davis '70 and the late Mr. Stanley M. Davis, in August at Beth Shalom Synagogue, Kansas City. **Tami Ann Prinster**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fred Prinster, to Richard Werner Robertson on March 21 at Assumption Church, O'Fallon, Missouri. **Cyathia Lee Ridings**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ridings, to Brian Dean Bailey in November in St. Louis. **Susan E. Taylor**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Taylor, Jr., to Dan Stringham in Salt Lake City.



Sharon Exposito:

## New Alumni President Reflects on Her Experience



Sharon Exposito

I want to thank each alum for the opportunity to serve as the president of the alumni board. With your support, the next board will continue in the tradition of excellence here at Avila.

The past four years on the alumni board have been a privilege as well as a great learning experience — an experience that helped me understand the internal workings that make Avila College such a great place to be.

The many people I have come in contact with exemplify the quality one would expect from a college such as Avila. I am proud Avila has maintained high standards in an environment that has become much more challenging and competitive for private colleges. The support of each and every alum will be increasingly important as faculty and staff strive to maintain those standards.

More information on college and alumni activities will be available to you through this expanded *Accent*. Please take every opportunity to participate in the continuing life of your alma mater and, if you have ideas on how your alumni board can serve you better, please let me know.

## 50-Year Honorees Enjoy Homecoming



Avila Homecoming 1987 drew a record attendance. Pictured above are 50-year class honorees: (seated) Anne Marie Ryan Francis, Joy Locke Bauers, Mary Catherine Higgins Montavy, Florence Byrne Webb, (standing) Helen Ashe Muenks, Shirley Gier Brenneke and Harriette Price Morgan.

## Nancy Barr: Choice of Alumni Association



Nancy Barr and Dr. Larry Kramer



Ila Mae Pappas, winner of closest-to-the-pin contest in Avila's 1987 Golf Classic, is shown with Mary Ellen Clark, co-chairperson of the event. First place winners were: Bill Stutz, Stan Thompson, Pete Lenge and Dale Carver. Dan Clark, tournament co-chair, and Dan Sudeikis won closest-to-the-pin honors for the men; and Henrietta Ghilino shared closest-to-the-pin laurels for women. Longest putt honors went to Al Palmer while Dan Cates and Mary Ellen Clark got off the longest drives. For the second straight year, Jim Kealing won the putting contest.

## Volunteer in Haiti Sees Overwhelming Need for Dental Care

Dr. Jan Woerth, Avila's program coordinator for continuing education and director of the Women's Leadership Institute, recently spent nine days in Haiti as a member of a team of Methodist dental and health care missionaries.

Woerth said special precautions were taken by the missionary team as a result of the prevalence of AIDS among the Haitians. "Before we left the United States, our group decided that we should assume that every patient might be a victim or carrier of the disease," she said. "We all wore protective glasses, masks and gloves. In fact, I wore two pairs of gloves at all times because it is easy to pierce the gloves when handling needles." In one village, there was particular concern because the team observed the kinds of sores and other symptoms commonly associated with AIDS.

The team's clinic consisted of a thatched-roof hut on poles with an uneven dirt floor. Their two dental stations consisted of a chair for the patient and a table for instruments. Portable church pews became the waiting room.

More villagers responded than could be treated. More than 200 patients appeared for dental care the first day, but Woerth said they were able to treat only 50 of them. By the end of their stay, the volunteers had treated 239 patients and extracted 529 teeth. At least 100 other patients were awaiting treatment when time ran out.

"We would have had to work every day for a month to have met all their dental needs," Woerth said. "After being in the midst of such extreme poverty, you really appreciate all that we have in the United States. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to help people who are so appreciative and are in such terrible need."

## Outstanding Alumna Earns Praise for Dedicated Service

Nancy Barr, Class of '75, has been named Avila's Outstanding Alumna for 1987. President Larry Kramer conferred the honor at Avila's annual homecoming brunch on October 6. Ms. Barr, who has served as president for the last two years of both the Missouri Nurses Association and Avila's Alumni Association, was praised for her dedication to the community, her profession and to the mission of the college.

President Kramer commented on the difficult choice faced by the Alumni Association's selection committee. He described Nancy Barr as an excellent example of the high quality of Avila's graduates.



## Diverse Student Body Offers Avila Community Bouquet of Lifestyles and Cultures

A majority of Avila's students can finish their last class of the week, throw appetites and dirty clothes into their car, and head home to mom and dad for a weekend or short vacation. Most of these traditional students are single, less than 21 years old and are from Kansas or Missouri.

There are other students, however, to whom going home is a major event. Catching a plane for Karachi or Seoul is no small commitment of time or expense. Still other students — a fairly sizable number — have families and jobs besides attending school full time.

Accent talked to three students who don't fit the traditional mold. We asked about how they got here, what they liked and disliked about Avila and the U.S. and their plans for the future.

### Jun Ha

Home: Seoul, South Korea

Year: sophomore

Majors: pre-med and chemistry

Likes about Avila: friendly and informed faculty; genuine caring for individuals

Dislikes about Avila: sometimes yearns for larger campus

Jun Ha was born in South Korea, lived in Japan and attended Barstow High School in Kansas City before coming to Avila. Jun, who wants to be a surgeon, says there is a misunderstanding on the part of some of his American classmates concerning his intense study habits. "All Asian students don't study their heads off. In fact, once a Japanese or Korean student is accepted in college in their homeland, I think they study less than an American student would."

"The difference is I am here on a student visa. My staying here depends upon my academic success. That tends to motivate," he said.

Sports are one of Jun's great loves. He was a Korean little leaguer but "couldn't hit the curve ball well enough to advance in baseball." He is a fan of the Royals and enjoys football, hockey and soccer.



David Ramsay, Tasneem Bader and Jun Ha

### Tasneem Bader

Home: Karachi, Pakistan

Year: senior

Majors: pre-med and chemistry

Likes about Avila: Catholic college with discipline, variety of student activities; concern and kindness of Sisters of St. Joseph and others make it a second home

Dislikes about Avila: being away from close-knit family and friends.

"Tassie" Bader is fluent in six languages, has a 3.9 grade-point average (4.0 is the highest possible) and was given a presidential medal in Pakistan for her academic achievements. She could have attended college in Europe or Japan but chose the United States because of the "heterogeneous society and culturally rich environment."

"The United States system of education has challenged me," Tassie said. "I have enjoyed the competition. The United States has always been perceived abroad as the land of opportunity. In my case that has certainly been true."

Tassie hopes to be admitted to medical school next year at the University of Kansas. "I have made many friends here and would like to stay in the area."

Tassie's brother is a senior medical student in Pakistan. Her father works for the United Nations and her mother is a college dean.

### David Ramsay

Home: Mound City, Missouri

Year: senior

Major: public administration

Likes about Avila: smaller classes; closeness of faculty-student relationships; good academic preparation in his area

Dislikes about Avila: two hour daily commute to attend classes.

David Ramsay, 39, is not from a foreign country but he does come from a different generation from that of the traditional Avila student. He will finish his degree in public administration in December and will be ready to embark on a new career in the nursing home industry.

A painter by trade, David broke both wrists and sustained other serious injuries when he fell from a ladder several years ago. Although he was incapacitated for three years and lost mobility in his left wrist, David says "it was God's way of helping me find a new direction in my life."

Through the help of state vocational rehabilitation funds and the "great support of an excellent college faculty and advisor in public administration," David has prepared himself for another career. "I have always maintained that attitude is a big key and that you need to be willing to prepare for whatever you are going to do," David said. "I couldn't have been better prepared for the changing world of health care than I was at Avila."

## Winter Campus Calendar

| Dec.   |  | Feb.    |   |
|--------|--|---------|---|
| 1      | Women's Basketball vs Mid-Am Nazarene, 5:15 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse<br>Men's Basketball vs Mid-Am Nazarene, 7:30 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse | 3       | Women's Basketball vs Benedictine 5:15 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse<br>Men's Basketball vs Benedictine 7:30 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse        |
| 6      | Intramural Bowling, 1:00 p.m., Ward Parkway Lanes  | 5       | Women's Basketball vs Rockhurst 7:30 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse<br>Women's Basketball Booster Club Reception 9:11 p.m., Whitfield Lobby |
| 7      | Men's Basketball vs CMSU 7:30 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse<br>Men's Basketball Booster Club Reception 9:11 p.m., Whitfield lobby             | 10      | Women's Basketball vs Marymount 5:15 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse<br>Men's Basketball vs Marymount 7:30 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse            |
| 8      | Women's Basketball vs Park College 7:30 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse   | 15-Apr. | 7 John Carpenter - Ceramics/Sculpture<br>Dean Mitchell - Paintings<br>Thornhill Art Gallery   |
| 11     | Women's Basketball vs Mo. Western 7:30 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse  | 16      | Men's Basketball vs William Jewell 7:30 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse  |
| Jan. 4 | Annual Student Art Exhibit<br>Thornhill Art Gallery<br>Through Feb. 12   | 18-20   | "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"<br>8:00 p.m., Goppert Theatre   |
| 6-9    | Kansas City Classic — Men's Basketball<br>TBA, Mabee Fieldhouse  | 20      | Women's Basketball vs Grandview 8:00 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse   |
| 13     | Men's Basketball vs Central Methodist 7:30 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse  | 21      | "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"<br>2:00 p.m., Goppert Theatre   |
| 16     | Men's Basketball vs Westminster 7:30 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse  | 22      | Women's Basketball vs Central Methodist 7:30 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse   |
| 26     | Women's Basketball vs Baker 7:30 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse  | 26      | Men's Basketball vs School of the Ozarks 7:30 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse  |
| 29     | American Royal Steer Dinner 6:30 p.m., Marian Centre   |         | Men's Basketball Booster Club Reception 9:00 p.m., Whitfield Lobby  |
| 30     | Women's Basketball vs Harris-Stowe 5:15 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse<br>Men's Basketball vs Rockhurst 7:30 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse            | 27      | Women's Basketball vs School of the Ozarks 7:30 p.m., Mabee Fieldhouse  |

## Avila Elders: College For the Joy of It

For most college seniors, the degree at the end of the academic year is all-important. For one group of college seniors at Avila, though, earning a degree is secondary. For the senior adults enrolled in Avila's College for Elders program, learning is the primary reason for attending school.

Each class they attend is specially designed for adults 55 and over. Instructors are members of the college faculty and specialists from outside the college community. Class subjects include financial investing, computers, history, writing, art, dance and exercise. All classes are affordably priced at \$30 each.

Participants have discovered that the program provides an excellent avenue to pursue the joy of learning. The next five-week session begins in January. For more information about class dates and times, call Avila's continuing education program at 942-8400, extension 280.

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